



Theraplay Supervision and Certification

Interested in Taking your Theraplay® Training to the Next Level?

Many graduates of Level One Theraplay & MIM training go on to join The Theraplay® Institute's certification practicum. In the practicum, students are matched with and guided by a Certified Theraplay Supervisor. Certified Supervisors have

a minimum of two years of experience as a Certified Theraplay Practitioner and have completed a rigorous practicum to become a supervisor. Many supervisors are trained in a variety of modalities and are leaders in their field. Supervision at The Theraplay® Institute is designed to provide you the highest level of professional support as you acquire skills and knowledge about the Theraplay modality. We recommend completing Foundational certification for minimum best practice.



The Theraplay Supervision Experience

We believe that true learning starts with expert supervision. As a participant in our practicum you will receive professional, relevant, and timely feedback to apply to your book learning and classroom training. Theraplay supervision will develop your skills and build your confidence to deal with your most challenging cases. It will help you feel more comfortable working with parents and clients who may have not responded to previous treatment approaches. Your new Theraplay skills can help build your reputation and your practice while providing the best treatment services to your clients. Members of The Theraplay Association also receive a free website directory listing once Foundational Theraplay Practitioner certification is completed. Each year over 25,000 people check out our directory of Theraplay Practitioners!

There is no better way [than supervision] to hone your skills as a therapist and do the best work you can than to have experts in the field watch you in action and share insights, suggestions, and constructive criticism. I am so thankful for how I have grown tremendously through this experience and look forward to continuing! –Bonni Goodwin (U.S.)

For more info contact your supervisor or Cindy Flores, Practicum Coordinator at cindy@theraplay.org

Supervision Methods

- Certified Theraplay Supervisors provide independent supervision in person or via secure internet file sharing and video conferencing
- Virtual supervision groups are offered twice a month and provide an opportunity to either present a case or observe another practicum student presenting their case to a group. The first two observations are free after completing Level One training and practicum students may earn credit towards their certification by presenting a case.
- Dyadic supervision is available to groups of 2 students working towards their Foundational Theraplay Certificate. We encourage students to organize Theraplay peer support groups or to receive group supervision from us on an “as needed” basis (commitment to the practicum not required).

Levels of Certification

Practicum students receive recognition of their progress upon completion of each level:

			If using an independent supervisor:
Theraplay Foundational Practitioner	Application fee and 8 supervised sessions	\$1200*	\$400**
Theraplay Intermediate Practitioner	Minimum of 8 supervised sessions 8 th session is your Intermediate Evaluation	\$1100*	\$400**
Certified Theraplay Practitioner:	Minimum of 8 supervised sessions 8 th session is your Final Evaluation	\$1100*	\$400**
Total cost application through Certified Theraplay Practitioner		\$3400	

Protocol Summary

Step 1 Complete Level I Training or Equivalent Training

Step 2 Register for Practicum

Send registration fee, copy of practicum attestation, license, resume or vita, proof of professional liability insurance and permission from supervisor to cindy@theraplay.org. Case materials (MIM and first family session) are sent to your supervisor - we will assign one if you have not made prior arrangements.

Step 3 Complete Foundational Practitioner requirements

Total of 8 supervised and 32 unsupervised sessions. (Sessions can be in person or via telehealth)
Certification requires recommendation of supervisor

Step 4 Complete Intermediate Practitioner requirements

8 supervised and 32 unsupervised sessions* (up to 3 telehealth sessions can be applied at this level)
8th session submitted is considered your Intermediate review and is sent to TTI
Certification requires recommendation of supervisor

Step 5 Complete Level Two Training

Can be done at any time during the first half of the practicum
The training is also open to any Level One graduate; practicum membership not required

Step 6 Full Certification

8 supervised and 32 unsupervised sessions* (telehealth sessions cannot be applied at this level)
Last session submitted is considered your Final review and is sent to TTI
Certification requires recommendation of supervisor

**minimum number of sessions required*

NOTE: A telehealth session cannot be submitted for intermediate or final review

Fees are pay as-you-go by certificate level, you do not need to commit to completing the entire program. Scholarship funds may be available

*Fees must be paid prior to undertaking supervision in each level. Upon starting the practicum, all fees non-refundable. If you have not yet started the program and would like a refund, there is a \$200 processing fee.

**If using an independent supervisor, only the registration fee and paperwork are required to begin each level of certification.

After registering, independent supervisors are paid directly for supervision.

Educational Requirements

- A master's degree or higher in a mental health field specializing in working with children and families
- Licensure that allows you to work independently

In countries that not follow the U.S. education and licensing model, applicants will be asked to demonstrate education equivalent to the above: they must work independently and take responsibility for the welfare of their clients according to the rules of their country.

Those who have other qualifications or specialties working with children may earn up to the Foundational level of certification. There is also a practicum for Group Theraplay Practitioner. Please contact us for further information.

The Theraplay Institute

Mission: Building strong families and emotionally healthy children and adults through Theraplay training, treatment, advocacy and research.

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